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AMEND   Senate Bill No. 87   House Bill No. 48*

by adding the following as a new Section 3 and renumbering the subsequent sections accordingly:

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 5-5-102(a) is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting:

(a)

(1) After the next general election for members of a county legislative body held on or after January 1, 2024, the county legislative body must be composed of not less than nine (9) nor more than twenty (20) members.

(2) There must be at least nine (9) districts in the county legislative body in a county designated as a Class 2 county before January 1, 1999, as established by § 8-24-101.

(3) For purposes of complying with subdivision (a)(1), the county legislative body shall dissolve, combine, or reapportion districts or wards, as necessary, so that the number of members elected to the county legislative body does not exceed twenty (20) voting members. Using the most recent federal census, the county legislative body shall ensure that a reapportionment maintains substantially equal representation based on population and otherwise complies with the United States Constitution, Tennessee Constitution, and state and federal law.

(4) Notwithstanding a general law or charter provision to the contrary, and irrespective of whether a person has previously served on the county legislative body:

(A) A person who is elected on or after the effective date of this act may seek as many terms in office, including those partially served, as are permissible under applicable provisions of the general law or the governing county charter; and

(B) After the reapportionment of districts under subdivision (a)(3), if any, a person may run for elected office to the county legislative body in any district or as an at-large candidate to the extent that the person is qualified to run in accordance with applicable provisions of the general law or the governing county charter.

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